THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was a discrepancy in the number of satellites mentioned in the books *i.e.* Science for Class VIII and Geography for Class VI brought out by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Necessary correction in the Geography textbook has been made and the corrected reprint edition available for 2007 academic session would read "over 30 satellites". Whenever any mistake/discrepancy is noticed in NCERT's textbooks after publication, it is corrected in the next reprint edition.

Directives of Supreme Court on OBC reservation

†1194. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had issued any directives with regard to 27 per cent reservations to OBC in institutes of higher learning; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the court has passed any directions with regard to reservation to those persons of SC, ST and OBC who fall within the creamy layer; if so, the action being taken in this regard;

(c) whether women belonging to the above said categories are being considered for special quota in reservation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No,
Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Universities offering distance education

†1195. SHRI JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central universities, State universities, State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.